

# Resurrection Parish

March 24, 2019  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of Lent

A Catholic Christian Community

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## Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.  
Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:30 a.m.  
Tues. 7 p.m.

## Rev. William Graney, Pastor

Rev. Gregory Corrigan, Assoc. Pastor  
John Falkowski, Deacon  
Fran Huhn, Retired Deacon  
Ruth Sanders, Liturgy/Music  
Nancy Maloney, Christian Formation  
Elaine Little, Youth Ministry  
Tina Donald, Bookkeeper  
Debbie Seymour, Admin. Asst.

Parish Office: 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri.  
6:00-8:30 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.

## Pastoral Council

Al Mercatante	Executive Officer
Sharon Gidumal	Asst. Executive
Mike Mitchell	Secretary
Maritza Poza-Grise	Trustee
Dick Schwer	Trustee

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## Reconciliation

Tues. 6:30 p.m. Sat. 4:45 p.m.  
or by appointment.

## Baptisms

Please contact Deacon John.

## Marriage

Contact clergy one year prior.

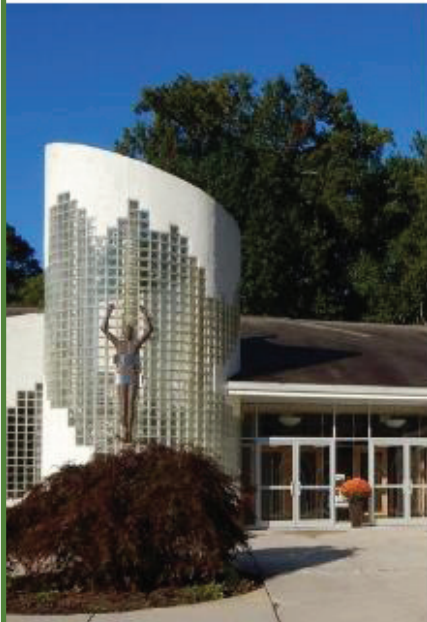
## Pastoral Care of the Sick

For hospital and home visits  
contact clergy or the office.

## Becoming Catholic

Learn more by contacting  
Fr. Bill or Deacon John.

Spirituality Outreach Stewardship



## TONY MAGLIANO LENTEN TALK

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.



Talk given HERE, by nationally syndicated Tony Magliano on transforming society's structures of sin which oppress the poor and vulnerable into structures of justice, love, and peace.

Tony Magliano, who lives in our Diocese, will lay out four key examples of structural sin: poverty/hunger, war, environmental degradation and abortion. After clearly laying out these problems, Tony submits life-affirming responses based on the church's social doctrine. Throughout his address Tony quotes Jesus, as well as other saints, popes and other highly respected social justice and peace advocates.

Tony's enthusiastic presentation is highly informative, faithfully Catholic, very challenging and deeply inspiring! His address has been well received by diocesan and parish gatherings from Santa Clara, California to Baltimore, Maryland.

# Lent



## Prayer Opportunities at Resurrection Parish

**Friday March 29, 7:00 pm**

Stations of the Cross by Resurrection Youth

**Friday April 5, 7:00 pm**

Taize Prayer Around the Cross

**Friday April 12, 7:00 pm**

Stations of the Cross in Tamil and English

A priest is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** each Tuesday 6:30 pm and Saturday 4:45 pm, before the evening Masses.

**Penance Service and Confession  
at St John the Beloved.**

**Tuesday April 9 6:30p.m.**

## INTENTIONS

Monday	March 25	8:30 am	+Bill Hamilton, Jr.
Tuesday	March 26	7:00 pm	+Jack Dagenais
Wednesday	March 27	8:30 am	+Brian Pierse
Friday	March 29	8:30 am	+Maggie Ware-Bogush
Saturday	March 30	5:30 pm	Parish Community
Sunday	March 31	8:15 am	+George Ward
		10:30am	+Paul Adorno



God is the source of all healing and hope, to whom we lift up in prayer the needs of the sick and those who care for them. *Lord, allow your healing hand to assist* Eva Skripchuk, Linda Scarola, Burt

Strasser, JD Howell, Jack & Jane Tabaka, Bill Dorsey, Joseph Hemphill, Alyssa Stover, Chet Andruskiewicz, Jim Gambort, Helen Meys, Candi Smith, Sean McCormick, Janice Kane, Ralph Culver, Kevin Rzucidlo, Mike Pohlen, Cass Thomas, Patty Calhoun, Laurel Milano, Katie Fink, Beth Bell, Julie Edmiston, Pete DeAscanis, Anna Catriew, George Ward IV, Shannon Wilson, Gil Ramil, Joseph (Morton) Scruggs and others mentioned in our parish book of intentions.

## LITURGY

### Virtual Workshops Proclaimers of the Word

and **ALL** who are interested  
Attend one, two or three!

Designed specifically for lectors and those who proclaim God's Word, these workshops will help participants to develop their public speaking skills as they become more familiar with the Lectionary:

**The Word of the Lord at Mass:  
Understanding the Lectionary**

March 26, 2019 - 7:30 - 9:00pm ET

**Literary Genres in the Lectionary:  
Proclaiming in Different Forms of Scripture**

April 9, 2019 - 7:30 - 9:00 pm ET

*Virtual Workshops™* offer formation, dialogue, and reflection. Through the internet, our presenter will use several multimedia components at once, including short films, presentation slides, chat boxes, handouts/downloads, and polls, engaging participants from many parts of the country virtually – as we here at Resurrection join in the conversation. So that we'll have plenty of space and handouts for all who wish to participate, please contact Ruth Sanders to sign up, [rsanders@resurrectionde.org](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org).

## TRIDUUM MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULE!

Each year we invite all teens and adults interested in participating in our music ministry to join the choir for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Our Women's Choir sings on Holy Thursday, Men's Choir on Good Friday and women and men combine for the Easter Vigil. **Is this your year to give it a try? We hope so.** Rehearsal schedules are noted below. It would be a kindness to let Ruth Sanders ([rsanders@resurrectionde.org](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org)) know you intend to participate so that we can have music ready for you.

### Holy Thursday Women's Choir

Monday April 1 – 7-9 pm

Monday April 8 – 7-9 pm

Holy Thursday 4/18 – 6-7 pm

### Good Friday Men's Choir

Dates and times coming soon!

### Easter Vigil Combined Choirs

Wednesday April 3 – 7-9 pm

Wednesday April 10 – 7-9 pm

Holy Saturday April 20 – 1-3 pm

### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention—March 2019**

**Evangelization – Christian Communities:** That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

**Carpentry/Painting Help Please:** The pedestals we use to display plants and flowers are in need of repair and painting. Lent would be a really good time to make them ready for use during the Easter season and the rest of the year. Would you be able to help with this task? If so, please contact Ruth Sanders, 302-368-0146 X106, [rsanders@resurrectionde.org](mailto:rsanders@resurrectionde.org). Thank you.

## PARISH LIFE

### **Pastoral Council Nominations Coming Up**

Elections for Stewards and Trustees on Pastoral Council will be held in May. Nominations for open Council positions will be taken after all Masses the last weekend of March and the first weekend of April. This is a wonderful opportunity to help shape the future of Resurrection Parish as we approach our 50th Anniversary. Pastoral Council advises Fr. Bill and helps address pastoral needs in the parish. All parishioners eighteen and older are eligible. There will be a table in the Gathering Space where you can obtain information

and nomination forms. Self nomination is encouraged. Please stop by the nominations table to get more information or talk with your Steward on Pastoral Council. <https://resurrectionde.org/pastoral-council>



## RESURRECTION PARISH 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

begins with the

### RESURRECTION PARISH EASTER RENEWAL

presented by

**Father Simeon Gallagher, OFM Cap**  
**April 27 through May 2, 2019**

Renewal Prayer

*God our Father, we praise you for all your wonderful works, and we thank you for your goodness to us.*

*All who come to you in faith receive healing, comfort, and peace.*

*Give us expectant hearts as we prepare for our upcoming Parish Renewal.*

*Help us to recognize your Son, Jesus, more clearly in the Eucharist.*

*Increase our anticipation for this Renewal and help us to witness to others with an invitation to join us.*

*May our calendars be freed up so that we can participate more fully, and may our Renewal be a great moment of grace for this faith community.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Eucharistic Lord. Amen.*

### Souper Supper Thank You

Thank you to all who donated crocks of soup, made a donation, or attended the souper supper. Your involvement made the event a success. We have met our financial goal to go to Cleveland this summer!

A special thank you to **Serpe & Sons Bakery** for donating the wonderful bread, and **Ellen Pringle** who came early and stayed late cleaning crockpots, preparing beverages, etc. Thank you to **middle school, high school and college youth, Henry Xavier, Bill and Carolyn Reynolds, Jim Little and trip participant parents**, who helped set up, served the meals and/or cleaned up.



### 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal –

During the weekend of April 6 & 7, our parish will participate in the 2019 diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. This year's theme, "As I have done for you, you should also do", is taken from the

Gospel of St. John when he recounts Jesus washing the feet of His Disciples. It is through this role of servant that Jesus gives us a model to follow. But following Christ is no easy task because it means that we must put all others before ourselves. One way we can live our praise of the Lord is by our actions, and by sharing our abundance with those who have less.

Funds generated through the Appeal support the work of the Church by responding to a myriad of human needs within our diocese. Participation in the Appeal helps to keep the spirit of Christ alive in the hearts that need Him most - the poor, the sick, the distressed, our children and our elderly. Please take a moment to consider the many blessings that God has bestowed upon you and prayerfully consider what you are able to share in support of our diocesan Church.

To learn more visit [www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal](http://www.cdow.org/annualcatholicappeal).



### Resurrection's Community Garden "Tour"

On Sunday March 31, all parishioners are encouraged to come out to the garden. Mark Oliver and other gardeners will be in the garden to show you around and answer questions.

**Plots are available for the coming gardening season.** The cost is \$70 for a 10' x 20' plot and \$35 for a 10' x 10' plot. Call or e-mail Mark Oliver at 302-737-1660 or [suzmarko@verizon.net](mailto:suzmarko@verizon.net) for more information and to reserve your plot.

There are also Community Garden opportunities to help raise vegetables for community outreach and flowers for our church and home bound parishioners.

Please join us in the garden. (Rain date April 7)

### SOCIAL JUSTICE



### ENCOUNTER THE DHATHCROOS FAMILY

The Dhathcroos family returned home, after fleeing violence in their country, to build a prosperous farm and become a vital contributor to their community. How can you assist refugees in your community to rebuild their lives? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) for more.

**Crock pot donation request:** AI department of nursing is doing community education and will be giving out the crockpots with a recipe to use and food to make the recipe. The community presentation is for child care education and child healthcare education and is recognizing the issue of food insecurity in the area. Please leave donation in the parish office.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

### **Our K to 5 Elementary Program**

will meet on 3/17/19, 3/24/19, and 3/31/19 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Drop off begins at 9:10am. See you there!

Would you like more information?

Contact Nancy Maloney, CFP Coordinator, at [nmaloney@resurrectionde.org](mailto:nmaloney@resurrectionde.org), 368-0146 ext. 104.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Middle School and High School Youth Group

Sunday March 24, 2019 6:30-8:15 PM  
Rehearsal for Stations of the Cross

Friday March 29 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross.  
(rehearsal begins at 6:00 PM)

Sunday April 7, 2019 6:30-8:15 PM Youth Group

Saturday April 13, 2019 Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage

## TAKING IT HOME

There are times in our lives when we might not like who we are. But however we might not like ourselves, we still have the tendency to think that we are always better than the next person. "I may feel like I'm a failure, but I'm pretty sure that I'm not as bad as that one!" And then when something bad actually happens to that one, we get a little twinge in our minds and we quietly say, "Well that one deserved it anyway." Bad things happening to bad people, especially people who we think are not as worthy as us are just the way things are meant to be. It's part of God's justice.

It's part of God's justice because it is really part of our way of looking at justice. We humans tend to operate out of fear and scarcity instead of trust and abundance. We like it when the one who we think is bad gets what he/she deserves maybe even if he/she wasn't so deserving of such a fate. They were just bad and the fact that something bad happened to them is just God's way of punishing them for their sin. Grace and mercy in these circumstances are really unthinkable. But is everything so right and wrong, so good and bad?

In the gospel, we see a people who operate out of this attitude of fear and scarcity; who believe that nothing bad just happens to others without their deserving it. Towers fall and people die because they were bad and bad things happen because they were deserving of such a fate. But this is not the attitude of Jesus; according to Jesus we are all in the same boat; no one is perfect. No one deserves a fate of towers falling. We all need to change. We live in an imperfect world and we should have the opportunity to be shown mercy, forgiveness and, especially, patience. To make his point, Jesus tells a story that sets up tension between expectations and reality, between our human tendencies to judge right from wrong, good from bad and instead to see a God who loves with a gratuitous, unbelievable and irrefutable love; a love that will truly change the human heart.

Every farmer in Jesus' audience, and perhaps ours, knows three things as Jesus speaks; that it takes a fig tree three years to mature before it could produce fruit. So there would be three wasted years before growth. They knew also that in a climate like that of the Middle East, land could not be wasted. And they knew that now after three years the owner of the property had the right to expect results. Get rid of the fig tree.

But Jesus throws a curve. The gardener asks for more time. Perhaps the gardener knows something we don't. The tree is still alive and not everything works according to our plan; not everything is perfect and not all expectations are what we believe they should be. If only the gardener has more time to cultivate the plant, to give it more good soil and to be patient with it, it will produce fruit. The parable then is a story about risk, hope and trust. It is not a story about perfection, good and bad, right and wrong; it is instead a story about growth and change.

Who is there who does not understand the impatience of the owner? Who does not want perfection; who does not want to do what is the right thing to do? Who does not want to get rid of something that it is bad? But who also among us has not been in the position of the gardener; a parent hoping for a child to grow, for someone to change or even to give myself time to change?

Growth, change and doing the right thing comes slowly, more slowly than we imagine. It is not enough to think that getting rid of the bad one will solve all the problems; there is more to life than fear and scarcity. There is a need for trust and abundance; there is a need for mercy and grace. This week our gospel takes us down a path we might not expect; a path where we need to revisit our expectations, and our tendencies to want to get rid of the ones we consider bad, for that one might just be me. Deacon John

4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

## GOSPEL - LUKE 15: 1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them.

After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him;

put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began.

Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf. He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** The Pharisees and scribes accuse Jesus of what they regard to be abhorrent behavior in relation to the purity code that dominated 1st Century life: not only does Jesus welcome sinners, he shares meals with them—scandalous behavior. Who you ate with was a reflection of who you were. To eat with sinners and the unclean effectively made you a sinner and unclean. The three parables Jesus tells in response to this accusation are all about the lost being found and great rejoicing over the finding of the lost sheep, lost coin, or

lost son. The Gospel of Luke—more so than any of the others—has a very strong focus on the message of Jesus being addressed to and welcomed by the outcasts and marginalized; in other words, the “lost” of his society. Jesus would have worn those words like a badge of honor. It was exactly what his mission and ministry was all about—being one with the poor; the outcast; the sinful; the lost. The three parables, and particularly the parable of the lost son, demonstrate the joy of a loving God when one who was lost returns. The extravagant welcome the prodigal son receives from his father is symbolic of the extravagance of God’s love that will be poured out for any “sinner” who returns to God.

**Customs and culture:** The son in this parable could not have distanced himself more from Jewish custom. First, he demanded his inheritance, effectively treating his father as dead. Second, he travels to a pagan land and then in despair finds himself feeding pigs—animals whose meat was forbidden to Jews. He knows that his actions have alienated him from his family and culture and yet when he returns, his father gives him a fine robe and a ring to wear—signs of a father claiming a son as his own.

**The Prodigal:** Because the only context in which most people ever hear the word *prodigal* is in relation to this parable, there is a common misunderstanding of the word. Because the parable is also referred to as the parable of the lost son, many people think prodigal means lost. However, to be prodigal means to be wastefully extravagant. When the son took his father’s money he adopted a prodigal lifestyle. However, the irony of the story that is often lost is that the father too was prodigal in the extravagant welcome he gave. The father’s extravagance echoes God’s extravagant and abundant grace and love.

*Where in your life is there a need for “repentance”—a change of heart to compassion?*


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